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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2000, entry of the following Amendments and Remarks is respectfully requested. A response to the Office Action was originally due June 23, 2000. Applicants submit herewith a Petition of Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to the Office Action for one month, until July 23, 2000. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Rejection of claims 1 to 3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) or (b)

Claims 1 to 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) and/or (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,721,214 to Marlowe et al, (hereafter referred to as "Marlowe '214) or 5,739,112 to Brunck et al (hereafter referred to as "Brunck '112").